

I believe that LPFM is a bad idea. It would cause too many problems with existing radio stations that are serving the public interest. The commission is seeking to provide minority groups with the opportunity to get on the air. This would certainly not be the case. Minority groups would likely be the ones most hurt by a poor decision to air LPFM. The minorities generally don't have the sophisticated equipment necessary to eliminate interference from the vast onslaught of low power and largely unregulated stations. I say unregulated because I believe that it would be very difficult to regulate the hundreds of new amateur operators. Many would probably lose their operating privileges, and it would cause a continuous flux of fleeting new stations. Many studies have shown that Interference from LPFM would greatly effect the reception of existing stations, and would even cut out emergency and disability broadcasts transmitted on sidebands of FM Broadcast stations. Furthermore, It could eliminate the possibility of IBOC in the future. There just is not any more room in the FM broadcast band to allow for LPFM stations. If the commission insists on licensing small low power stations, it needs to be somewhere else on the spectrum where it would not inhibit the transmission and reception of existing stations. It would be appreciated if you would take my comments into consideration when reviewing this very important issue.